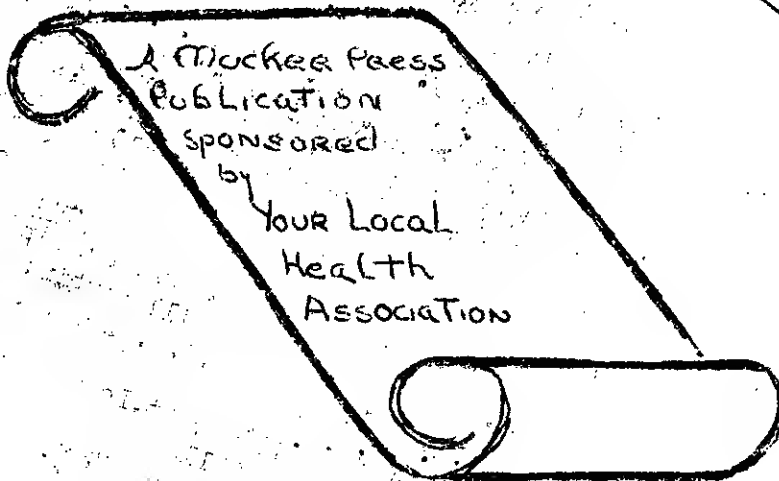


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DIPLOMACY WOULD S



APRIL 1st, 1974...somewhere deep within the confines of the crypts in Poland...actually in the tomb of the Wrobel Family at 7 Poland Village Blvd, Poland, Ohio 44514 in case you're the forgetful type. In case you're the slow type, this is actually JASTRZAB, THE ship's log of postal Diplomacy emitting irregularly from the Metropolitan Youngstown Area. Phone 2167574440 after 9:30 weeknights. Subscription rates are 10/\$1.80. Game fees are \$6.00. There are no openings. There are no trades solicited. Not much of anything. Wonder why Carol Buchanan thinks this is funny?

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER ONE: Several people have inquired of me as to why John Smythe, Edi Birsan, and myself to name a few have seemed to take a more passive part in Diplomacy games of late. Speaking for myself only, it has become a priority of time. In January of this year, I became what is modestly described as a full-fledged, tax-paying capatilist. My working hours remain about the same, but really work now. Secondly, with John Koning being ill, I volunteered to take over a game of Space Centurions---this game and others should also explain the others not playing as much Diplomacy as well we should. Suffice to say that JASTRZAB is still alive and will continue to come out slowly.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER TWO:

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Conrad VonMetzke, Box 4, San Diego, Calif. 92112
Steve Hall, 60 S. Van Dorn St. #112, Alexandria, Va 22304
Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3012 Oak Green Ct., Ellicott City, Md. 21043

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IMPORTANT CRAP THE THIRD: DIPLOMACY WORLD should be recommended reading for anyone considering even playing at postal Diplomacy. Available for \$3.00 per year from Walter Buchanan, R/R #3, Lebanon, Indiana 46052. As A public service, I would like to appeal to each and every gamesmaster not to staple their products when sending them into the Archives for preservation. Prince William's mother has enough to do just pressing your 'zines for filing! Pulling the staples out beforehand is cutting down on her processing time. Please cooperate. (Now do I have to send gloves?)

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BEFORE WE FORGET: IN THIS ISSUE: 1970DCF-Winter 1910, 1973EZ-Winter 1903, 1973BH-Summer 1905, 1972CM-Spring & Fall 1908, 1973EA-Spring & Fall 1904, 1972EG-Spring & Fall 1908, 1973AU-Spring & Fall 1906, 1973BEED-Hrive 3021 & Tuile 3022, 1972BQ-Spring'09
The deadline for the next following season, whichever that might be, will be Thursday, April 25, 1974 unless moves for all players in a game are in beforehand. In that case, individual game deadlines might be sooner. Consult your horoscope for further direction.

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BIG DEAL NUMBER FIVE:

STREAKING LITERATURE

What Makes Sammy Run? by Budd Schulberg

RABBIT RUN- By John Updike

The Way of All Flesh by Samuel Butler

Barefoot in the Park by Neil Simon

Naked Came a Stranger by Penelope Ash

The Bare by William Faulkner

Naked Lunch by William Burroughs

Catcher in the Raw by J.D.Salinger

Naked and the Dead- by Norman Mailer

Some Came Running by James Jones

Run Silent, Run Deep by Edward L. Beach

The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner
by Alan Sillitoe

If anyone has additional titles to add to this list, go streak yourself!

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GOSSIP FROM HALL:

Haven't you heard, the two experiments in forming a Polish menage a trois were both dismal failures. In the first case of two women and one man, the two women found they had discovered for the first time how really good sex could be, and they kicked the man out! The only other known attempt was with two men and a woman, which sounded more promising until they discovered that entering both her ears at the same time gave her a violent migraine. Since she had only one navel, the other guy got bored, and as they were buddies they adjourned to the kitchen together, split a pint of beer and passed out. The woman, left to her own devices, had no choice but to fall back on that ageless, classic form of autoeroticism: plunging her fingers violently in and out of the warm, damp orifices between her toes.¹

¹Mastrzemski and Johnsonowicz, Polish Sexual Response;
(3 page dissertation published by Dell Comics, 1973)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Conrad Von Metake on the question of good press being written now:

"I am sure that TRAVELS WITH BOND is a good press release series. There are, however, several others that I like at least as well---allowing for the fact that I'm somehow involved in most of them and thus may be slightly prejudiced, of course. For instance,

1. The 'Puffa-Puffe' series in ARRAKIS is my own best effort.
2. The Mithrandir, etc., series which began in WAR BULLETIN and is now carried over into K.35 is excellent by Hartley Patterson.
3. John Piggott's THE MUSICK MAKERS in K.35 is my personal favorite.
4. Piggott and I jointly have created, if not the best series, then at least the most phenomenally wide-ranging variegated and interesting series to go with Game 1973D in MAD POLICY.

5. COSTAGUANA sports one excellent series in 1973EH by Bruce Schlickhernd--the 'Stonehenge' sequence.

6. Richard Sharp has a beauty going in GRAFETI, but I do not recall the game number. Sharp also has a fine series in ETHIL THE FROG.

These are my personal favorites. I know they're heavily slanted in the British direction but that's the kind of junk I like best, and that's where most of the top-notch press is being done now. OOPS! Forgot one; John Leeder's SOLBINPOLIT ZHURNAL series (title?) in that selfsame magazine. There are a half a dozen others I'm fond of but they are either too new to be called a series yet or else are too sporadic."

Paul Bond on the press question and other ramblings:

"I, of course, am prejudiced in favor of King Bond. Other press releases of note are PIERRE NYLON and Tim Sager's Culinary Germany which was noted especially for its popularity and copies which spread up from Folks all around. Self-included. The difficulty with Tim's stuff is that he dropped out. I think that such action should disqualify any person from receiving an award for his efforts, although the press itself might still receive said honors ((I SEE LITTLE DIFFERENCE OR DISTINCTION)). Another popular press for a while was the A-EBS meeting which drew much comment for a few months was the A-EBS meeting. Of course, I would like that one---I wrote it too. Hheheh! I get around.

ED: There you have two diverse personalities with two different opinions about good press. For further explanation, I suggest you all read Red Welker's excellent articles in the first DIPLOMACY WORLD. As for myself, I prefer vintage Walker or Koning's stuff. Not because they're friends, but because of the excellence of the writing. Some of Larry Peery's early press efforts would also bear reprinting which is more than we can say for most of the trash coming out as 'press releases' these days. I shall not speculate much on the English being head and shoulders above American press efforts as a whole except to say that their's is the mother tongue and perhaps they are taught to use it better than us Yanks. My wife, the English Prof, wouldst agree.

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THE FIGHTER'S HOME: a beautifully reproduced new gamezine, apparently edited by Rev. Dan Gorham. Subscription rates are \$3.00 per year, \$5.50 for two years. The issue I have received last is dated March 3, 1974. Twenty-two pages long. Game fees are \$8.00 with a \$4.00 refund if you do not drop out. Two games of Diplomacy in progress as well as one game of Fight in the Skies. What is amazing about these southern boys (ADDRESS: The Vineyard, 8 Ravenna Street, Asheville, N.C. 28803) is that they will spend ten pages of space defending the virtues of one Robert E. Lee and reprinting various letters, and yet still make some rather obvious errors of omissions in their games. 1. What season is game 1974I (#1174) in? 2. How can FRA A Bar-Man and GER A Man-Bar both succeed? 3. It must be a Fall move as 'Builds' are announced, yet ownerships of supply centers are not given. I admit they are not necessarily a must, but surely on a higher priority than the location of units. 4. Why doesn't the RUS A Run have to retreat? It was hit by a supported attack and had no support. Is this a Southern Variant with different rules? I admit that JASTERZAB has errors freely, but interested parties should perhaps examine the quality of the GMING which is/has something of merit before entering into one of the games, the gorgeous reproduction and art work notwithstanding. End of Sermonette.

BIRSAN on: Wrobel on Koning on Walker in Koningsburg and on Koning on Walker in Koningsburg and on Walker in Koningsburg....1974 update again

In reading their reports ((ED: See JASTRZAB 24)), there were certain truths and half-lies that remain hidden in the folds of the warped minds who traveled to Youngstown in the summer of 1969 for that glorious event known as DIPCON II. After much sifting through the records that lay half opened in the subconscious of my own mind (sic) ((SICK!)) the following things come to light....

On a Friday night I ventured to some strange neighborhood in New Jersey. Thers I was to be met by one Sgt. Jeff Key. This was rahher astounding in the times for first to be found in New Jersey (where not even the subway wants to run) and second to be picked up on the street by an army man was just plain outrageous. BUT, the limits of the Diplomacy drive had not yet been reached by the conscious self/super ego.

I then met my very good friend Ms. Mary Ann Key ((They met in the gynecologist's office)) and her border: Jeff. I was to attempt to sleep that night on the fold-out sofa. Unfortunately two cats had other ideas. As soon as the lights went out I attempted to enter that wistfull land of endless victories. Unfortunately my head became the runway for the Catnip Follies or 'A cat's interpretation of the Oklahoma Land Rush.' After subduing the dynamic duo with typical Brooklyn Diplomacy--"knock it off or I'll bite 'yer! I once again began to resume slumberland when I was suddenly awoken. After biting Jeff's hand, I was informed that it was 12:01 and time to leave for the midnight ride to Y-Town.

Piling into a '68 Toyoto, I sat in the front seat in what has to be one of the real-life chase scenes that has become the norm of cops and robbers movies of late. Not that we were being chased or after anyone, but when you do 95mph down a detour in the middle of Pennsylvania with two wheels on the dirt shoulder you begin to have sympathy for the cameraman who did Bullit. At that time Route 80 was not complete in Pennsylvania, so many a time it was a sudden 'fake right, go left' play down a god-for-saken alleyway passing itself off as a main street in Never-Never Land, USA.

At 7:05AM we arrived at the door of none other than Charlie Reissel in Clarion, Pa. Immediately we were escorted around a Buck Rogers Mausoleum and forced through our lack of bad manners (I was foolishly yielding to the Key's MidWestern tendencies) to inspect "1984"--an 'A' frame lodge in the hills around Clarion where one can get mugged by a six-foot rabbit and assorted other common creatures of middle Pennsylvania.

Around 8:30AM we headed together toward Youngstown. Once again I pulled the front seat...only this time I was in Charlie's car. As we would go, with MaryAnn and Jeff following, Charlie would start to talk and in doing so would remove his foot from the gas pedal...not a generally necessary prerequisite, but you can never tell with these Penna. residents. Jeff would then pass us up as if he actually knew where he was going and Charlie would start to take it as a challenge and pass him in turn and so on until we were once again around 95mph where Jeff felt at home.

After a turning exhibition in which Jeff managed to turn inside Charlie's Ford.... literally we arrived at the outskirts of Koning's 'turf.' I had heard rumors of how tough his neighborhood was and looked forward to a miniature recreation of Brooklyn in the center of the MidWest. I was not to be disappointed!

As we approached his block, there were indeed motorcyclg groups on the corner asking for money. With their cigars and black leather jackets, I knew this was my home-away-from-home once I saw that these were the nuns from a nearby church. About twenty feet from Koning's house a man staggered toward the street asking how to get to the bus stop. From one of the nearby barricaded homes came the reply that nobody knew for nobody there had ever made it!

An armoured car was pulling away from Koningsburg as we entered the driveway. Its only identification marks were one small illegible note scratched below the turret. It looked like: USE ZIP CODES.

Samantha Thaumaturge escorted us to the door where two well-preserved relics from a time when parents were gacious, kind, and considerate greeted us into the Koningsburg. We were told that Sir Mr. Smythe would not be in attendance, but that the Royal Canadian Forces were well represented by Dirac Nelson and his mounted Sword.

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Soon Rod Walker made his way into the drive way despite the piles of Rollalong Rock Beer Cans left there by a sudden surge of thirst from the mounted Missionaries. With Loring Windblad and Bud Stowe we met Dave Johnston and preparations were made to start into a game of.....Diplomacy, strangely enough.

Allow me to digress ((ED: I thought that was the first page)): at this point in time I had been playing postal Diplomacy for three years and I had yet to win a game of note. In fact, Margaret Gemignani was the only person making me look good in the Diplomacy World. But I was slowly putting things together.

The game began. I seem to remember playing Russia the first game and making three removals within the first three years. It wasn't so bad. After all, I was making very consistant gains on the potatoe chips and with a little luck by 1904 they would be gone.. ..after which point who needs Russia?

Then we tried a game of Youngstown 10 man. Would you believe I pulled Russia a second time...and Dirac Nelson was Japan. Derek was very good as Japan. I would tell that when he pulled a Pearl Harbour on Vladisvastock. That wasn't too bad until Germany, England, and Austria/Hungary recreated Barbarossa in the West. I couldn't understand what I was doing wrong. Why wouldn't anyone gave up a home supply center to sit next to the new potatoe chip bowl?

Somehow, the Y-Town game ended and I was last seen holding onto an Indian supply center for sheer survival (closest to the chips). We managed to have a bite to eat to the accompaniment of a second barrage of beer cans from a resurgent local religious festivity. As night fell, we engaged ourselves in the Blitzkrieg board with only Dirac Nelson and myself having any previous in-depth knowledge of the rules or mechanics of the game. With the special forces of the Blue Army, there was typical BirSauron revenge tactics seen on the face of the beard...we bombed everything and after eliminating Red's military potential before the regular army could engage it, a coup was about to take place in Blue Command Headquarters when the game was rudely ended for lack of logistic support....ie: Dirac Nelson ran out of beer! More accurately Youngstown ran out of beer and the local suburbs were hard put to ship more supplies in through the blockade.

Collapsing that night in a local motel room was no match for another round of games, but alas they could only be played in my dreams. Heading home Sunday with the Keys, I kept thinking to myself about the games and what I had done wrong to deserve annihilation at the Dippy boards so often. Finally as we approached the shores of New Jersey, I had to ask one last question of Jeff. "What's a support order?"

LATE PRESS FLASH: 1973EA (floated into Poland in an old Duck bottle)

ABOARD THE TURKISH STATESHIP 'ENTERPRISE': Captain "Turk" Kirk commanding: "We can't be sure," complained Capt.Kirk, "that Pope Pandini will adhere to the terms of Pope Jeffersoni's last will and testament with regards to the distribution-of-Italian-holdings-to-the-Turks, so we of the TS ENTERPRISE are exocuting this modest Westward jurney to research the matter. As for our evolutions in the fields and meadows of Greece and Hungary, these were to be joiny maneuvers with the Italians. Can I help it if they done B rgot to wear their blue armbands?"

ABOARD THE VULGARIAN STARSHIP 'GOSPODIA': Upon reading the intercepted radiogram from some minor vessal below in the middle Mediterranean area, sub-Commander Quistawski immediately set the variable computors to determine the probability that here at last was some living, viable proof that the fabled Toothman had not perished into some blackhole in his escape from the Vulgarian armpit mines and lived on in some oqually despicable manner in this time zono. "Hmmmmm," mused the fearless leader of the starship, "I vunder if he has vandered into SCVII also....."

POST
OFFICE
GRAFFETI

THE
MESSAGE
TO GARCIA IS TEN CENTS!

AMAZONS

1973BH

MAZONS

In these days of orphans and game delays and gamesmaster drop-outs, it is relatively strange for a game to be transferred from a magazine while still in progress and while the publisher/gamesmaster is still active. However, the players of this game, 1973BH, expressing dissatisfaction with the progress of their game, have petitioned me to assume command of the game. JASTRZAB, the home of the weird anyhow, is easily adaptable to the concept of the game---Amazons, girls, women Diplomacy players, liberated Ms's, females, BROADS! I must also admit that I could not easily refuse this petition for reasons which will become evident. This game was originally the second Amazon Game started by Ray and Peggy Bowers in MIDWESTERN COURIER. Even though I am agreeable to taking over this game, I must say that perhaps the players were less than tolerant in voicing their objections concerning the progress of the game. I think all gamesmasters and publishers have brief spans where the quality and consistency evident in their 'zines is not up to their standards, but unavoidable due to outside world problems and pressures. Ray and Peggy are evidence demonstrated. JASTRZAB is also at times. Anyhow, the game is not dead, but buried in JASTRZAB now till the end.

THE PLAYERS:

- AUSTRIA: Ms. Lorelle Crichton, 100 Mapleburn Dr., SE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
(the only one of these gals not known directly or indirectly by me)
- ENGLAND: Ms. Carol Buchanan, R.R.3, Lebanon, Indiana 46052
(Queen Susanne, a Polish Joke; one half of the dynamic duo of Buchanan & Buchanan who are my favorite publishers---this is the better looking half)
- FRANCE: Ms. Carol Birsan, nee Tremblay, Apt.302, 35-35 75th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372
(This one stooped to the questionable tactic of marrying Edi just to learn the game better. We admire her courage....and her body!)
- GERMANY: Ms. Margaret Gemignani, 3200 NE 36th Ap907, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308
(Peggy of the unusual moves; has played postal Diplomacy for a long time; famous for organs)
- ITALY: Ms. Michaela Lind, 493 Westover Hills Blvd., Apt 12, Richmond, Virginia 23225
(I met a Mike Lind in Chicago last year--this is either his sister or someone who had an operation similar to Edi's in Switzerland)
- RUSSIA: Ms. Carol Wrobel, nee Kashmer, 7 Poland Village Blvd., Boland, Ohio 44514
(what some guys won't do for harmony and sex at home)
- TURKEY: Ms. Nina Pawlak, 5238 Clifton Drive, Alexandria, Virginia
(what some guys won't do for harmony and sex in Virginia; wife of Super Wladjiu; maniac who got me into this)

SUMMER 1903 POSITIONS

- AUS: A Tyrolia, A Trieste, A Vienna, F Greece, A Serbia.
- ENG: F Norwegian, F North Sea, A Finland*.
- FRA: A Burgundy, A Belgium, A Portugal, F Spain(sc), F Gulf of Lyon.
- GER: F Kiel, F Holland, A Ruhr, A Berlin.
- ITA: F Tunis, F Tyrrhenian, A Marsailles, A Venice.
- RUS: A Sevastapol, A Warsaw, A Bohemia, A Norway, F Sweden, F Rumania.
- TUR: A Bulgaria, F Aegean, A Constantinople, F Eastern Med.

*under the house rules that this game was under, the unordered English Army Sweden was permitted to retreat to Finland. Carol Buchanan, taking over English Command, insisted that this be permitted. I agree and further agree to continue the game under the original house rules if someone will send me a copy. Carol Wrobel doesn't have one.

FINAL NOTE: It occurred to both Carol and I that something must be developed to avoid the possible stigma of collusion between GM and player even though we fight in any game. So... Carol Wrobel will send a copy of her orders to JOHN BOYER for verification at least three days before the deadline. John is the only unimpeachable and unaligned major figure in Diplomacy who I could think of as being acceptable for this role. Acceptable to all?

WINTER 1903
(Yes, Winter 1903!!!!)

1973EZ

ITALY RETREATS A MARSAILLES TO PIEDMONT.

GERMANY REMOVES F HELGOLAND AND F DENMARK.

RUSSIA BUILDS ARMY WARSAW AND FLEET ST.PETERSBURG(sc)

POSITIONS:

AUS: A TYROLIA, A RUMANIA, A VIENNA, F IONIAN, A SILESIA, A BOHEMIA. (6)

ENG: F SKAGERRAK, F EDINBURGH, A YORKSHIRE, F NORTHSEA. (4)

FRA: A GASCONY, A MARSAILLES, F WESTERN MED, F NORTH AFRICA (4)

GER: F BELGIUM, A RUHR, A MUNICH, A PICARDY. (4)

ITA: A PIEDMONT, A VENICE, F GULF OF LYON, F TUNIS. (4)

RUS: A MOSCOW, F KIEL, A SEVASTAPOL, F BULGARIA(ec), A BERLIN, A SWEDEN, A WARSAW, F PETE(e)

TUR: F AEGEAN, F BLACKSEA, A ARMENIA. (3)

The Proposal for prophetic builds and removals for this game is voted down. An interesting footnote to this is that Mr. Kelly, the one who proposed the prophetic system was also the one who demanded a separate Winter season to enable him to see the German removals. I will admit that perhaps I was wrong to print the Russian builds first. I can understand an objection to that. However, if that bothers one so much, how much more would prophetic builds and removals warp minds?

Spring 1904 orders on file for Austria, England, France, Germany, Italy, and Turkey. I suggest, Mr. Kelly, that you make your moves within two weeks of receipt of this issue.

HOLLAND: Kelly, you'll get yours in this game yet, you dirty double-stabbing *(@#(\$%&! I'd also like to say this: "%&#\$+##@!" KELLY "#\$%&#@!!!"

LONDON: I, rich swies, first met stan worleZ at the '73 Dip-Con. Having lost my monopoly money at the roulett wheel, I walked over to the crap table to see if my luck would change. SZan was running the crap game and I was glad to have the chance to meet the famous Ztan WroZel, editor of Jaztreab. While I placed my bet, I introduced myself as Richard Swies, one of the faithful subscribers to Jazstrazzb. Mr. Zobel said he was glad to mee me as he took my losings and called for more wagers. I played a few more times and was breaking even; I was quite sastified. Then it happened.

Edi Birzan came to the table. Edi said hello to Ztan WZobel and grunted in an off-hand way to the awed greetings of the other playere. "Whos got da dice?" asked Edi.

"He does." replied Staz, as he pointed to the short, dumpy character at the end of the table---Conrad something or other.

After ordering the rest of us to hurry and arguing with ZtaZ about who was running the game, Edi bet against the shooter. The poor fellow craped out! Three times Edi bet against the shooter; three times the shooter craped out and three times ZrobeZ grugingly awarded Edi his winnings. ZtaZ WZoZel finally passed the dice to Edi with something of a challenge. All the other playere placed bets against Edi hoping to humiliate Doppy-dom's supreme ego. Edi mumbled something about the foolishness of mortals who defy the gode. He then proceeded to roll half-a dozen sevens and elevens, breaking all the other players and even leaving StZZ WrZZel out of money. ((ED: THE PRECEDING HAS BEN DUPLICATED ALMOST EXACTLY AS WAS SOELED TO PREZERVE THE AUTHOR'S INTENT, which is very vague anyhow))

WARSAW: The one thing we do not need in JASTRZAB is articles proclaiming the virtues of one Edi Birsan! His head does not fit an ordinary pillow now. Calling him Dippy-Dom's supreme ego does, however, do great injustice to Big Brother and Fred Winter, may he rest in peace. Mr. Swies's account is basically with fact, except he forgot Bruce Chin going bankrupt at least three or four times (HE still owes the bank a few thou...), I ran out of money only temporarily (had to mug Larry Blandin to get more), and the fact that Edi, supreme-whatever, did not win the trophy for big winner after the counting was completed. Somebody had paid the roulette-man with real coins and scooped up even more Monobucks than Birsan did hustling my table...it was fun though.

NEW BLOOB (Bloob?)...ah, BLOOD!!

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Gamesmasters with openings:
Please send him a sample
issue if you need players

1972CM

CZARINA WOOS ANOTHER INTO HER CORNER?

MORAL OF THE WEEK: 'NEVER TRUST A FRENCHMAN WITH A WOMAN'

SPRING 1908

AUSTRIA: A Vienna-Tyrolia. A Budapest-Trieste. F Greece-Albania. A Serbia (S) Bud-Tri.
 (GORSKI)
 FRANCE: F Channel (S) Lon-Pic. A London-Picardy. A Belgium-Holland. A Edinburgh hold
 (PROKOPOWICZ) F NorthSea-Helgoland Bight. F Norwegian Sea-NorthSea. A Burgundy (S)
 RUSSIAN Sil-Mun!!! A Piedmont (S) ITAL A Tyrolia/OTM/ F Marsailles-Lyon.
 GERMANY: A Kiel-Berlin. A Denmark (S) Baltic-Sweden. F Baltic-Sweden. A Munich (S)
 (VALENCOURT) Italian Tyr-Boh./NSO/retreat to Ruhr,Kie,OTB/ A Prussia-Silesia.
 ITALY: A Trieste (S) Tyr-Vie. A Tyrolia-Vienna. F Adriatic (S) Naples-Ionian.
 (KNUDSEN) F Naples-Ionian. A Venice (S) A Trieste.
 RUSSIA: A Sweden-Norway. F Norway-Skagerrak. F St.Pete(nc)-Barents. A Moscow-Livonia
 (PAWLAK) A Bulgaria-Greece. A Bohemia (S) Sil-Mun. F Smyrna-AegeanSea. F Ionian-Tunis. A Silesia-Munich. A Warsaw (S) Moscow-Livonia.

UNDERScoreD moves do not make it. The German Army Munich retreats to Kiel.

FALL 1908

"I AM QUEEN; YOU ARE MEN; HEED ME WELL!"

AUSTRIA: A Vienna (S) Bud-Tri. A Budapest-Trieste. A Serbia (S) Bud-Tri.
 F Albania-Adriatic.
 FRANCE: F Channel-NorthSea. A Picardy-Belgium. A Holland-Kiel. A Edinburgh holds.
 F Helgoland (S) Hol-Kiel. F NorthSea-Denmark. A Burgundy (S) Pic-Belgium.
 A Piedmont (S) ITAL A Tyrolia/OTM/ F Gulf of Lyon-TyrrhenianSea.
 GERMANY: A Berlin (S) A Kiel. A Denmark (S) F Sweden. F Sweden (S) A Denmark/retreat/
 A Kiel (S) A Denmark. A Silesia-Galicia.
 ITALY: A Trieste (S) Tyr-Vie. A Tyrolia-Vienna/annihilated/ F Adriatic (S) A Tri.
 F Ionian-Albania/retreat/ A Venice (S) A Trieste.
 RUSSIA: A Norway-Sweden. F Skagerrak (S) Nor-Swe. F Barents-Norway. A Livonia-Prussia. A Greece holds. A Bohemia-Tyrolia. A Munich (S) Boh-Tyr.
 F Aegean-Ionian. F Tunis (S) Aeg-Ion. A Warsaw-Silesia.

UNDERScoreD likewise. The German F Sweden must retreat to Baltic, Bothenia, Finland, OTB. The Italian F Ionian must retreat to Naples, Apulia, Eastern Med, OTB.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUS: VIE,BUD,SER,RUM,~~WAR~~. (4) Even.
 FRA: PAR,HRE,MAR,SPA,POR,BEL,LON,LIV,EDI,HOL. (10) (+1)
 GER: BER,KIE,DEN,MUN,~~MAR~~. (3) (-2)
 ITA: NAP,ROM,VEN,TRI,~~TUN~~. (4) (-1)
 RUS: STP,MOS,WAR,SEV,BUL,CON,ANK,SMY,NOR,SWE,GRE,MUN,TUN. (13) (+3)

1970DCI

WINTER 19010
 TWILIGHT OF SWEDEN COMING

ITALY (PANDIN): Raises all units up to full strength.
 Builds 10F Rome, 10F Naples, 1center unbuil
 SWEDEN (KELLY): Raises all units up to full strength.
 Removes F Karelia.
 FRANCE (KEATHLEY): RAISES ALL UNITS UP TO FULL STRENGTH.
 BUILDS 10F BREST, 20DA PARIS!, 20DA MARSAILLES!

POWER SHORTAGE SOLUTION:

MAKE SAUDI ARABIA THE 51ST STATE. BE PREPARED TO OFFER AN
 IMMEDIATE K.F.L. FRANCHISE, DON SHULA, AND TWO FISRT-ROUUD
 DRAFT PICKS.

---Anthony Gray, Clostor, NJ
 NEW YORK Magazine

THE DIPLOMATS

1972EG

The Year 1908: TRENCH WARFARE PREVAILS AS TURKISH FLEET PORTUGAL CONTINUES TO BE ROADBLOCK TO STALEMATE....

SPRING 1908

AUSTRIA (LAKOFKA): A Ruhr-Kiel. A Bohemia (S) Tyo-Mun. A Silesia (S) Mun-Ber. A Munich-Berlin. A Tyrolia-Munich. A Piedmont-Tyrolia. F Marsailles (S) TUR Por-Spa(sc). A Tuscany-Piedmont. F Naples-Rome. A Prussia (S) Mun-Ber.
 ENGLAND (BARTNIKOWSKI): F Sweden-Finland. F Baltic (S) Berlin-Kiel. A Berlin-Kiel. A Kiel-Holland. F NorthAfrica-WesternMed. F MidAtlantic (S) Spa(sc)-Por. F Brest-Picardy. F Spain(sc)-Portugal. F Gascony-Spain(sc). F Norway holds. A Belgium-Ruhr. F Lon-NthSea.
 FRANCE (GORSKI): A Burgundy (S) ENG A Bel/NSO/
 TURKEY (OSTAPKOVICH): A St.Pete-Finland. A Livonia holds. F Ionian-Tunis. F Aegean-Ionian. F Tunis-WesternMed. A Moscow-St.Pete. A Smyrnapees on trees. F Portugal-Spain(sc). F Constantinople-AegeanSea. A Aknara-Armenia.

UNDERScored MOVES DO NOT MAKE IT. No Retreats.

LISBON: The Polish Godfather of Diplomacy was here last night with his limey pet. He said, "We had you in the palm of our paw. We could have crushed you! Made you flinch. Nya. Nya. Made you flinch." It reminds one of rush hour on the subway.

BUDAPEST: Could it be that you've dropped the ball????

FALL 1908

AUSTRIA: A Ruhr-Burgundy. A Bohemia (S) A Munich. A Silesia (S) A Berlin. A Berlin spits at Kiel. A Munich (S) Ruhr-Burgundy. A Tyrolia holds. F Marsailles (S) TUR F Por-Spain(sc). A Piedmont (S) F Marsailles. F Rome-Tuscany. A Prussia (S) TUR A StP-Fin.???
 ENGLAND: F Sweden-Finland. F Baltic(S) A Kiel. A Kiel (S) Holland-Ruhr. A Holland-Ruhr. F NorthAfrica-WesternMed. F MidAtlantic (S) NthAfr-WestMed. F Picardy-Brest. F Spain(sc)(S) NthAfr-WestMed. F Gascony (S) F Spain(sc). F Noeway hold. A Belgium-Holland F NorthSea-Belgium.
 FRANCE: A Burgundy (S) ENG A Bel-Ruhr./?--nice try, but to no avail/retreat
 TURKEY: A St.Petersburg holds up trousers. A Livonia (S) A St.Pete. F Ionian-Tyrrhenian F Aegean-Ionian. F Tunis-NorthAfrica. A Moscow freezes, but supports A St.Pete. A Smyrna holds. F Portugal-Spain(sc). F Constantinople-Aegean. A Armenia-Sevastapol.

Underscored moves are no good. The valient supporting French Army must retreat to Paris or offatheboard.

SUPPLYE CENTRE COUNT:

AUS: VIE, BUD, TRI, SER, WAR, VEN, NAP, ROM, MUN, MAR, BER. (11) (+1)
 ENG: LON, LIV, EDI, NOR, BEL, HOL, DEN, KIE, SWE, BRE, ~~BER~~, SPA. (11) (-1)
 FRA: PAR. (1) (even)
 TUR: ANK, CON, SMY, BUL, SEV, MOS, RUM, GRE, STP, TUN, POR. (11) (Even)
 OQA: RON GORSKI, 2588 West Point Road, Green Bay, Wisc. 54303

Winter 1908 coming....
 As the English removal may be of cruciaa interest to the Austrian Command, I shall resist the temptation to call for Winter and Spring combined.

LONDON: His Majesty's Government would like to propose a three way truce between the High Combatant Powers to avoid further bloodshed and misery.

WARSAW: There is a motion on the floor. All those in favor hollar 'aye', opposed 'nay.

WHO SEZ THE ECONOMY IS A BUST?

According to an article in a recent WALL STREET JOURNAL polling various business trends in manufacturing in the United States, the average bra-size sale has risen in the last three years from a size 34 to a size 36! All we can say to that is way to go, girls, and keep up the good work! Jane Russel is proud of you!

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TURKISH-GERMAN FORCES FORM WISHBONE ALLIANCE
AS OTHER NATIONS CONTINUE TO QUARREL AND BICKER!

SPRING 1904

ENGLAND: F North Sea-Helgoland Bight. F English Channel-North Sea.
(BOULANGER)
FRANCE: A Gascony-Marsailles. A Picardy (S) A Belgium. F Liverpool-Clyde.
(LANHAM) A Belgium holds. F Spain(sc)-MidAtlantic. F Marsailles-Spain(sc)
F Brest-English Channel.
GERMANY: F Denmark-North Sea. F Sweden holds. A Silesia-Galicia. A Warsaw (S) Sil-Gal.
(KLEIN) A Holland holds. A Munich-Tyrolia. A Bohemia (S) Mun-Tyr.
ITALY: F Greece holds. A Budapest-Vienna. A Galicia-Bohemia/retreat to Bud, OTB/
(KEY) A Tyrolia (S) Ven-Piedmont. A Venice-Piedmont. F Tunis-WesternMediterranean.
(PANDIN) F Naples-Tyrrhenian. F Rome-Tuscany.
RUSSIA: A Ukraine-Moscow. A St.Pete (S) Ukr-Mos. A Norway holds.
(PRASSE)
TURKEY: A Rumania (S) Sev-Ukr. A Sevastapol-Ukraine. A Bulgaria holds. F Black Sea
(KEATHLEY) (S) Arm-Sev. A Armenia-Sevastapol. F Smyrna-EasternMediterranean.
F Constantinople-Aegean Sea.

UNDERScoreD MOVES do not succeed. Command of the Italian Forces passes on to Tony Pandin,
10406 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

SUMMER 1904

ITALY: retreats Army Galicia to Budapest.

CREEP Headquarters

"OWN A PIECE OF AMERICA
-- BUY A PRESIDENT!"

FALL 1904

ENGLAND: F Helgoland Bight-Kiel. F English Channel-London.
FRANCE: A ~~Marsailles~~ Piedmont. A Picardy-Burgundy. F Clyde-Edinburgh. F Belgium holds
F ~~MidAtlantic~~ WesternMed. F Brest-MidAtlantic. F Spain(S) ~~Mid-WestMed~~.
GERMANY: F ~~Denmark~~ Kiel. F Sweden-Norway. A Galicia (S) TUR Rum-Bud. A Warsaw-Moscow
A ~~Holland~~ Kiel. A ~~Munich~~ Tyrolia. A Bohemia (S) ~~Mun-Tyr~~.
ITALY: F Greece-Ionian. A Vienna (S) A Tyrolia. A Budapest (S) A Vienna/retreat/
A Tyrolia (S) A Vienna. A Piedmont-Marsailles. F WestMed (S) Tus-Lyon/retreat/
F Tyrrhenian (S) Gre-Ion. F Tuscany-Gulf of Lyon.
RUSSIA: A Moscow holds/retreat/. A St.Pete (S) Moscow. A Norway-Finland!
TURKEY: A Rumania-Budapest. A Ukraine (S) GER War-Mos. A Sevastapol (S) GER War-Mos.
A Bulgaria-Greece. F Aegean (S) Bul-Gre. F Black Sea-(ec)Bulgaria.
F Eastern Mediterranean-Ionian.

UNDERScoreD MOVES do not succeed this season either. Italian A Budapest must retreat to Trieste, Serbia, OTB; Italian F Western Mediterranean must retreat to NorthAfrica, Tunis, OTB; Russian A Moscow must retreat to Livonia, OTB.

SUPPLYE CENTRE COUNT:

ENG: LON, ~~EDI~~. (1) (-1)
FRA: PAR, BRE, MAR, POR, SPA, BEL, LIV, EDI. (8) (+1)
GER: MUN, BER, KIE, HOL, DEN, SWE, WAR, ~~NOR~~, MOS (9) (+2)
ITA: NAP, ROM, VEN, TRI, VIE, ~~EDI~~, ~~GRE~~, TUN. (6) (-2)
RUS: STP, ~~MOS~~, ~~MOS~~. (1) (-2)
TUR: SMY, CON, ANK, BUL, SER, RUM, SEV, BUD, GRE. (9) (+2)

WINTER 1904 adjustments are on hand for everyone but Italy and Russia who have both the only retreats and the only removals. What sayst thou two to sending them in by mail immediately so that the entire Winter can be carbon copied between deadline and Spring 1905 called for for the the next next deadline.

PRESS FLASH: 1973EA

THE LONDON TIMES: His Majesty's government officially announced today that a complete surrender of all English forces to the Forces of France had occurred. The dispatch explained that this was done to prevent further bloodshed in the Homeland. The French Government will henceforth control all English forces afloat and on land

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SPRING 1906

AUSTRIA (KEATHLEY): A Tyrolia-Piedmont. A Trieste (S) A Venice. F Adriatic-Ionian Sea. A Venice (S) Tyr-Pie. A Apulia holds. A Warsaw-Livonia. A Vienna-Tyrolia.

ENGLAND (STUART): F North Sea (S) FRA Bel-Hol/NSO/ F Helgoland (S) FRA Bel-Hol/NSO/ F Denmark-Baltic Sea. F Skagerrak-Denmark. A Sweden (S) Skag-Den. F London holds. F Norway holds.

FRANCE (SMITH): F Channel (S) A Belgium. A Picardy (S) A Belgium. A Belgium (S) Par-Bur. A Marseilles (S) Par-Bur. F Liverpool-Irish Sea. A Paris-Burgundy. A West-Gascony.

GERMANY (LOTT): A Kiel-Denmark. A Ruhr-Belgium. A Munich-Burgundy. A Holland (S) Ruh-Bal

ITALY (REINSEL): A Tuscany (S) A Rome. A Rome (S) A Tuscany. F Ionian-Naples.

TURKEY (DAVIS): A Greece holds. A Bulgaria holds. A Sevastopol-Moscow. A Ukraine holds. F Constantinople-Black Sea. F Aegean (S) AUS F Adriatic-Ionian.

UNDERScoreD moves do not succeed. No retreats necessary.

FALL 1906

AUSTRIA: A Piedmont-Tuscany. A Trieste-Albania. F Ionian-Tunis. A Venice (S) Apu-Rom. A Apulia-Rome. A Livonia-St. Petersburg. A Tyrolia (S) A Venice.

ENGLAND: F North Sea (S) FRA A Bel-Hol. F Helgoland Bight-Kiel. F Baltic Sea (C) A Swe-Ber. F Denmark (S) Helgoland Bight-Kiel. A Sweden-Berlin. F London holds. F Norway-Sweden.

FRANCE: F Channel-Mid Atlantic. A Picardy (S) Bur-Bel. A Belgium-Holland. A Marseilles-Piedmont. F Irish Sea-Liverpool. A Burgundy-Belgium. A Gascony-Burgundy.

GERMANY: NO MOVES RECEIVED. A Kiel annihilated. A Holland annihilated. A Ruhr, A Munich

ITALY: A Tuscany (S) A Rome. A Rome (S) F Naples. F Naples (S) A Rome.

TURKEY: A Greece holds. A Bulgaria-Rumania. A Moscow (S) AUS A Liv-St. Pete. F Aegean-Ionian. A Ukraine holds. F Black Sea holds.

UNDERScoreD moves do not succeed. No retreats, but two wipe-outs!

SUPPLY CENTRES COUNTS:

AUS: BUD, TRI, VIE, SER, ROM, WAR, VEN, STP, TUN. (8) (+1)

ENG: LON, EDI, NOR, STP, DEN, SWE, KIE, BER. (7) (+1)

FRA: PAR, BRE, MAR, SPA, POR, LIV, BEL, HOL. (8) (+1)

GER: MUN, BER, KIE, HOL. (1) (-1)

ITA: NAP, ROM, TUN. (2) (-1)

TUR: CON, ANK, SMY, GRE, BUL, SEV, MOS, RUM. (8) (+1)

WINTER 1906 orders on file for Austria, France, and Turkey. It is perhaps coincidental to human nature that all of us will include builds conditionally, but few of us like to send in removals!

NAPLES (BB Press) (April, 1906): Italy signs Armistice with Turkey!

ROME (BB Press) (October, 1906): "Davis, you are a hard person to like!"

ROME (BB Press) (October, 1906): "Et tu, Keathley!"

WARSAW (ICU Press): Please be advised that the above is Latin according to Big Brother
SOMEWHERE IN THE IONIAN WITH THE AUSTRIAN FLEET:

Reporter (for the Trieste Prieste)--"Here we are with Admiral Seymore Kropatschek, that fine Irish lad, commander of the Austrian Armada, and our question of the day is:

"Why didn't you take Naples?"

Old Seamy---"Well, it appears that the Italians got there first."

Reporter----"So what will you do now?"

Old Seamy---"Oh drop down to the handiest place for some fish food."

Reporter----"Fish Food?" What Kind of fish food, for Walton's sake?"

Old Seamy---"Tunis fish, what else?"

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SPRING 1909---WAR CONTINUES!

KAISER DISAPPEARS SOMEWHERE IN NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

SPRING 1909

AUSTRIA (DASTOLI): A Moscow-St.Petersburg. A Idvonia (S) Mos-St.Pete. A Prussia-Berlin. A Munich (S) Pru-Ber. A Silesia (S) Pru-Ber. A Tyrolia (S) Munich. A Ankara-Constantinople. F Albania (S) Tri-Adr. A Constantinople-Bulgaria. A Venice-Trieste. F Trieste-Adriatic. A Budapest-Serbia.

ENGLAND (KNUDSEN): A St.Petersburg holds. F Norway (S) A St.Petersburg. F Mid-Atl hold. F Portugal (S) F Mid. F IrishSea (S) F Mid. F Channel holds.

FRANCE (PAINDIN): A Picardy (S) A Brstt. A Brstt (S) A Picardy.

GERMANY (DEPKISCO): A Berlin (S) A Kiel. F Baltic Sea (S) A Berlin. A Kiel (S) A Berlin. A Belgium holds. A Ruhr-Munich.

ITALY (BARENTS): F Ionian Sea-Greece. F Aegean (S) Ion-Gre. F Tyrrhenian-Ionian. F Western Med (S) F Spain(sc). F Spain(sc) holds. F NorthAfrica-Tunis.

UNDERSCORED moves fail. No retreats necessary. The orders for Spring 1909 for Germany were made by a local, neutral player. The new player of record for Germany will be:

RUSS NEKORCHUK, 218-C Gilla Dr. Ballwin, Mo 63011 effective with the coming Fall 1909 season. You may also include Winter adjustments conditional as you see fit.

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EDIDIDNOTSAYTHATSTEVEHALLWASACTUALLYFISHINDIPLOMACY!THEACTUALCORRECTQUOTEWOULDBEFISHBAIT!!
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THE MAILBOX;

An open letter to the players of 1972AK:

To have a rating system work, it must be standardized in its means of rating the players. This is essential so that every win and draw (with the same number of players) has equal weight. The accolade of a win or the creation of a stalemate shows ability and determination. Concessions when the conclusion is obvious, or draws that are voted because (1) considerable time has passed without positional change or (2) the position is deadlocked (or very nearly so) and members of an alliance will not stab one another also carry equal weight with clear cut wins and unbreakable stalemate positions declared a draw by the gamesmaster.

Each country begins with a set number of centers. To win he must gain 15 more centers (14 for Russia). If he gains only a few then how can his win have equal weight with a one in which his final total is 18 or more?

Concessions have become more and more common and voted draws that are not deadlocked (or even close) have occurred. It is my opinion that such nonsense will lead to Austria declared winner in Fall 1901 or a 7 way draw called in Spring 1902! Those are extremes, of course, but clearly a line must be drawn.

I have said that to win and be rated in ROGUES' GALLERY as a win, these conditions must be met: 1. The player has 18 or more centers after a fall move, or

2. The player must have more centers than any other player (i.e. active country) and that number must be 14 or more centers.

The conclusion of 1972AK does not meet either of these criteria and will only be rated as a French win if sufficient seasons are played out so that France has 14 centers and a vote is again taken. The total of all centers held by persons voting against the win (or draw) cannot equal or be greater than the supply center total of any one player voting for a win (or draw).

1972AK WILL be rated as a 4-way draw with Austria surviving by ROGUE'S GALLERY. Comments are always welcome.

---LEN LAKOFKA, Curator, ROGUES' GALLERY RATINGS

Gamesmaster repliss:

I also invite comments and replies and will provide adequate space for their printing. However, my personal feelings are that the players, with full knowledge of the victory criteria of Diplomacy, voted a concession to John Boyer's France. That vote indicated that none would either try nor be successful in attempting to stop John from eventually fulfilling the 18 center victory criterion. Besides, Len, you assume that all players will be concerned about your rating of this game. I would like to hear Doug Beyerlein's comments before saying anything I might regret later.

LORD OF THE RING DONGS

1973BEED...HRIVE 3021 and TUILE 3022

As we rejoin our heroes, finding that little has changed except the relative stature of the Men of the North (who, after all, are destined to lead the little People someday) and the evil, black forces of Sauron and his Black Silkies (who are growing....but smaller!), depection appeareth rampart and frustrations galore for all.

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HRIVE 3021: ELVES SA Fangorn Wood (R) West Emnet! Men SA)Beorn (R).Anduin's Vale.
Gondor SA Minas Tirith (R) Lebenin.

SUPPLY ELVES: Moria, Beorn, Riveddale, West Emnet. (4) Even.

CHARTE: ROHAN: Edoras, East Emnet, Isengard, Isen. (4) Even.

NORTHMEN: Dale, Esgaroth, Bree, DolGulder, Erebor, N.Wild, Wild, Mirkwood. (8)
Build SA Esgaroth and SA Bree.

GONDOR: Pelargir, Umbar, Harondor, Anorien, Dol Amroth. (5) Even.

DWARVES: Ered Luiln II, The Shire, Mt. Gundabad, Tharbad. (4) Even.

MORDOR: BARAD DUR, Minas Morgul, Udun, Dagorlad, Ithilien, Rhun, Cairn Dum,
Lorien Wood, Fangorn Wood. (9) Removes SA CARNEN.

TUILE 3022: oh no! Birsauron will be impossible after reading this.....sorry, Carol.

*MORDOR (SAURBOND): TA Wetwang-Anorien. DA Minas Tirith (S) TA Wet-Anor./annihilated/
DA Ithilien-South Ithilien. DA Brownlands -Weld. DA Fangorn Wood-West Emnet.
GDA CairnDum holds. SA Dagorlad-Emyn Muil. SA Minas Morgul-Ithilien. SA Nurn-Minas
Morgul. SA Poros (S) DA Ithilien-SouthIthilien.

*GONDOR (BIRSAN): DA Anorien-Minas Tirith. SA Lebennin (S) DA Anorien-Minas Tirith.
SA Dol Amroth-Lamedon. SA South Ithilien-Pelargir. SA Harondor)S(S. Ithil-Pelargir.

*ROHAN (KLEIN): DA Edoras-West Emnet. SA Isen-Gap Of Rohan. SA Emyr Muil-Weswang.
SA Rauros (S) Gondor DA Anorien./OTM luckily/

*ELVES (HENDRY): SA West Emnet-Gap Of Rohan. DA Eregion-Tharbad. SA Rivendale (S) SA
Beorn. SA Beorn (S) SA Rivendale. /dislodged, retreat to GladdenField, Mt. Gundabad, OTB/

*DWARVES (JUST): DA Misty Mountains I- Rhudaur. SA Enedwaith-Misty Mountains III.
SA Rhudaur-Eregion. SA Ered Mithrin I-Cairn Dum.

*NORTHMEN (LIBBY): DA Wilderlands-Dol Gudlger. SA Mirkwood-Beorn. SA Northern Wild (S)
Mirkwood-Beorn. SA Anduin's Vale (S) Mirkwood-Beorn. SA Esgaroth-West Rhun.
SA Dale-Carnen. SA NorthDowns-Cairn Dum. SA Bree-Baranduin.

Underscored moves do not succeed. The Mordor DA Minas Tirith is duly annihilated. The
Elf SA Beorn may retreat as above. Players may make their moves conditional as they
see fit on the direction of this retreat.

ERED OKIE III: Dear Men-Of-The-North: If you do not desist from attacking our allies,
I am going to give a certain trinket to you-know-who. If you think I'm kidding, just try
me! Slow death or Fast death....makes no difference to me. /s/ The World's Largest Dwarf

DOL AMROTH: (IDE PRESS): Unless the Men-Of-The-North stop their alliance with Mordor
immediately and turn their attention to attacking the Black Menace, I, Birsauron, Lord
of Gondor, will yield all my centers to Mordor except one, will put on a lesser ring and
use my Double Army as a Triple Army in the service of Mordor to Hunt the Men down on
sight and stomp them into the ground. We urge Rohan, the Elves, and the Dwarves to make
similar pledges. Even a traitorous dog, with the strategic grasp of a piece of glass,
deserves one ultimatum...don't disgrace the mails with your dribble; give us your answer
in your moves!

BARAD WARSAW: He forgot to threaten you with IronHands around your throat if you do not
cooperate....

BARAD WARSAW: You too can be Conqueror for a day! First prize in the Saurbond Lookalike
Contest wins a triple army led by Birsauron! Sort of a prize you might give your in-laws.

TRAVELS WITH BOND
or, The Perils of Paul E.

CHAPTER VII
Birsauron

King Bond, King Eric the Just, and Captain Rodney C. Walker, USAF had captured the infamous Edi Birsauron and were discussing what to do with their unwilling traveling companion.

"I think we should hand Birsauron over to Sten of 'Hrobél and the 'Hrobél Tank Corps. They have certain grievances to settle with him." said King Eric.

"I don't see why we can't take care of him ourselves." Walker USAF said grimly. "I have a few grievances myself."

"Personally," added King Bond, "I favor handing him over to Gemicia Hoth of the Holy Fungolian Empire, but there is only one thing we can do that will be completely correct!"

The other two leaned forward anxiously. "Yes?"

"We shall take Birsauron to Conrad the Tall, chairman of the Anti-Edi Birsauron Society."

The decision made, the intrepid band with their captive started off towards Zahndego. After several weeks of hard, brutal, agonizing travel, the party arrived none the worse for the wear. Immediately they went to the party headquarters. Upon entering, they first noticed a man in uniform seated at a desk with a rather large feline at his side.

"Hello," said the man. "My name is Rickard Bull, and this is my cat, Tangerous."

"Is he?" asked King Eric.

"Very. Won't you please have a seat? The Chairman will be with you in a moment."

After placing Birsauron on the floor against the wall, the three sat down to wait. As they sat, they heard, from the inner office, the sounds of a badly scratched record.

"Should you be interested," said Bull, "The scratchy sounds you hear are from the Chairman's favorite record--POISON IVY AT SUNSET."

Shortly after that, a summons came from the office. "You may go in now, gentlemen. Chairman Conrad is expecting you." Pushing Birsauron before them, the three entered Conrad the Tall's office.

"Good day, friends," said Conrad. "May I help you?"

King Bond took a step forward. "This is King Eric the Just. This is Captain Rodney C. Walker, USAF. And I am King Bond."

Conrad the Tall stood up and bowed, almost banging his head on the low ceiling. "I have heard much about you gentlemen, and I am most pleased to make your acquaintances. Especially you, King Bond. But who is the short wimpy-looking guy with you?"

"With a Bronx accent yet," King Eric whispered to Walker, unable to resist any dig at Birsauron.

"THIS," said King Bond proudly, "IS BIRSAURON!"

"I see," said Conrad. "What has this to do with me?"

"Perhaps you didn't understand," said Eric. "This is Edi Birsauron, scourge of the Free Peoples and kidnapper of young innocents."

You gentlemen have apparently been out of touch for a while. Birsauron is no longer of any interest to me."

"But you are Conrad the Tall, aren't you? And this is the Anti-Edi Birsauron Society, isn't it?" cried Walker.

"Yes, I am Conrad the Tall, but this is no longer the A-EBS."

"Then what is it?" asked the astonished, but still wimpy Birsauron.

"This, gentlemen, is the headquarters of the Anti-Charles ReinsElf Society. And now I must bid you good day. Adios, suckers."

Later, as the group stood outside the headquarters, King Bond spoke up. "Well, Edi, times change, I guess. I've talked matters over with Eric and Walker, USAF, and we've decided to stay together. So you may return to control of the Men of the North."

"Thank you," said Edi. "I can't say I'M sorry things worked out the way they did. I think I'll pay a visit to the Fishkillers now, and rest for a while."

"Don't let any of them hook you!" laughed King Eric.

And so Birsauron left, the three carefully watching him until he was well out of sight.

NEXT:

CHAPTER VIII. There's still a Bunchaboats.....